

**Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 25, 2016  
Professional Licensing Boards Division  
237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217  
Open Session Minutes**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on **Thursday, February 25, 2016**, at the office of Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

**Board Members Present:**

James Johnson, Chairman  
Brian Stone, Vice Chairman  
Leonard L. Kinsley  
Babe McGowan  
Dotty Porter

**Board Members Absent:**

John Mixon

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Darren Mickler - Executive Director  
Somer Stafford - Licensure Analyst  
Janet Jackson – Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Regina Saponari – Board Support Specialist

James Johnson, Chairman, established that a quorum was present at 9:37 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

**Open Session**

Chairman James Johnson called for the first order of business.

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:**

Leonard Kinsley made a motion to re-elect James Johnson as the Chairman. Dotty Porter seconded. The motion carried unanimously. James Johnson was voted in as the new Chairman.

Dotty Porter made a motion to re-elect Brian Stone as the Vice Chairman. Babe McGowan seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Brian Stone was voted in as the new Vice Chairman.

**Approval of Open Session Minutes:**

Chairman James Johnson presented a draft of the November 19, 2015 Open Session minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Dotty Porter on made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 19, 2015 Open Session minutes with edits.

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Chairman James Johnson presented a draft of the January 22, 2016 Open Session minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Leonard Kinsley made a motion, Dotty Porter seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 22, 2016 Open Session minutes with edits.

**Forester Exam Review Meeting:**

Chairman James Johnson summarized the Forester Exam review meeting. Chairman James Johnson recommended for the Board to review the exam and suggest edits at the next Board meeting. Vice Chairman Brian Stone motion for the review notes to be put into action items to be implemented at the next Board meeting. Dotty Porter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:56 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters, and to receive an investigative report. Babe McGowan seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included: Chairman James Johnson, Leonard Kinsley, and Dotty Porter.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters meeting was closed at 01:25 p.m. and Chairman James Johnson declared the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

**Open Session**

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**Licenses Issued:**

The Board reviewed a list of applicants that have been previously reviewed and approved.

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Dotty Porter made a motion, Leonard Kinsley seconded, and Board voted unanimously to ratify the following licenses issued from November 19, 2015 – February 24, 2016:

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>
RF002957	Lauderdale, James Daniel
RF002958	Coram, James Mark
RF002959	Gay, Tabarius DeArtron

**Applications:**

Leonard Kinsley motioned for the Board to approve the Continuing Education (CE) Waiver Request for the following applicant. Dotty Porter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously:

- J.A.D.

Vice Chairman Brian Stone motioned, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following list of applicants:

Applicant(s) approved for licensure reinstatement:

<b>Reinstatement(s)</b>	
License No.	Name
RF002860	John W. Armstrong
RF002897	Foskey, Jack Jr.
RF002353	Paulin, Erik
RF002609	Karl Dopson

Applicant(s) approved to sit for the exam:

<b>Examination</b>	
Application No.	Name
2597975	M.W.G.
2573725	B.S.A.
2591492	C.H.H.
2580456	J.T.
2605556	J.P.T.
2605756	K.M.H.
2605905	A.W.

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Applicant(s) approved for licensure renewal:

Renewal	
License No.	Name
RF002647	Parker, James Mason, Jr
RF001664	Singletary, Homer Daniel
RF001215	Escoe, James Marshall
RF001520	McDonald, William Thomas
RF002715	Gatch, Jason
RF002178	Lacksen, Jeffrey Todd
RF002139	Niblack, Byrom Tyson

Applicant(s) denied licensure reinstatement due insufficient CE:

Reinstatement	
Applicant No. 2605723	J.R.B.

Applicant(s) denied to sit for the exam due to not meeting Forestry education requirements:

Examination	
Applicant No. 2592259	T.M.B.

Dotty Porter made a motion, Leonard Kinsley seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to postpone approval of the following applicant for licensure contingent upon the Board's obtainment of the certified court documents:

- **Applicant No. 2309037      M.P.**

**Complaints:**

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- **FOR080002** – This complaint involves the unethical and unprofessional conduct by the respondent. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to close the complaint.
- **FOR160001** – This complaint involves the unethical and unprofessional conduct by the respondent. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion, Dotty Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to issue a Letter of Concern and close the complaint.
- **FOR160002** – This complaint involves the unethical and unprofessional conduct by the respondent. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to issue a Letter of Concern and close the complaint.
- **FOR160003** - This complaint involves the allegations of unprofessional conduct by the respondent. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to refer the case to Investigations.
- **FOR160005** - This complaint involves the unlicensed practice conduct by the respondent. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to refer the case to Investigations for issuing a Voluntary Cease and Desist Order.
- **FOR160006** - This complaint involves the unlicensed practice conduct by the respondent. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to refer the case to Investigations for issuing a Cease and Desist Order.
- **FOR160007** - This complaint involves the unlicensed practice conduct by the respondent. Vice Chairman Brian Stone made a motion, Babe McGowan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to refer the case to Investigations for issuing a Cease and Desist Order.

**Forester Exam Review Meeting Votes:**

Dotty Porter made a motion, Vice Chairman Brian Stone seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to implement the following action and items:

- Permission to send “*Thank You*” letters to all panel members on behalf of Board
- Board staff to monitor test results of revised exam and provide results to the Board
- Board staff to attempt to locate the test previously administered “in-house”

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- To have a “bank of questions” (perhaps 100 in the various categories) and each test participant to get questions randomly pulled from these categories
  - Provide the testing facility additional questions in 2017
- Board staff to monitor testing on a regular basis and consider having annual review panel sessions to review questions that may be causing excessive problems

**New Business:**

**CE Broker Discussion**

Executive Director Darren Mickler discussed the possibility of implementing the tracking system of CE Broker for the Board’s use.

**Georgia Rule for the Practice of Professional Forestry Discussion**

Dotty Porter made a motion, Vice Chairman Brian Stone seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to have Vice Chairman Brian Stone and Chairman James Johnson address the presented questions with input from the Board and to have Executive Darren Mickler draft an updated letter to send to the Georgia Forestry Commission.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on May 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Regina Saponari, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

**James Johnson**

James Johnson, Chairman

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**Darren Mickler**

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These minutes were accepted on: 06/14/2016